

wagon and team of mules perished in the Saluda River. Two negroes, while at work on a railroad trestle in Laurens county, were carried down stream. It is supposed that thirty or more people have been drowned throughout the State during the past week.

The farmers have lost thousands of dollars by their stock perishing in the swollen streams. The damage to county bridges in this county will exceed \$100,000. The Piedmont section of the State is still cut off from Augusta, Columbia and Charleston, and twenty miles of the track on the Southern Railway in the Broad River valley are under water, and in many places the track has been washed away. It will probably be three weeks before all railroad schedules are adjusted.

The city is crowded with delayed passengers who are trying to get back to their homes in various sections of the State and South after having spent the summer in the mountains.

#### GAVE LIFE FOR OTHERS

**Heroic Woman Stayed at Post Until Flood Swept Her Away.**

TRINIDAD, COL., August 29.—Direct communication by wire with Folsom, N. M., which was devastated and isolated by the flood in Cimarron Creek on Thursday night, was again established to-day, and it was learned that the stories in circulation to the effect that scores of persons are missing are unfounded. Up to tonight thirteen bodies had been recovered and only five persons were then missing. Some of the bodies recovered were terribly mutilated and unrecognizable.

At the height of the flood the water was thirteen feet deep and a mile wide in the canon where the town is located. The force of the water twisted railroad rails like wires. Great damage to property has been sustained.

Residents of the town who lived on higher ground and beyond the reach of the torrent saw houses containing families crying for aid swept away before their eyes, powerless to render them any assistance. Eyewitnesses of the disaster tell of seeing lights flickering for a moment in doomed buildings and seeing the structures float away.

Houses drifted into the narrow canon, crushing against one another like bits of pasteboard. An entire row of buildings was completely swept away and others were found a shapeless mass a hundred yards from their foundations. Everywhere are seen bodies of drowned cattle and horses.

Only stone buildings and those on higher ground were left standing.

To Mrs. J. Rooke, a telephone operator, who lost her life in the flood, many residents owe their escape.

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**GREAT NEW NATION IS SPRINGING UP**

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

ST. PETERSBURG, August 29.—A great new nation is forming in Siberia. One of the most gigantic migrations in history has been proceeding so quietly that the world generally has not noticed it. During the past twelve months over 500,000 Russians have gone to Siberia, or equal to half the number of immigrants the United States received during that period from the whole earth. Prince Vassilitchoff, minister of agriculture, has furnished the following figures of migration across the Ural Mountains: For several years before 1905 it was 50,000 annually; in 1905 it was 180,000; in 1907, it was 400,000; in the first three months of this year it was 420,000, comprising 70,000 families.

The accounts of Siberia brought home by the soldiers returning from the Russo-Japanese War impressed the poverty-stricken Moujiks with glowing ideas of Siberia's vast natural wealth. They also have little faith in the measures the Grand Council of the Empire is taking to settle the burning agrarian question. The emigrants seldom go singly or even in families, but gather in colonies for the exodus.

#### LONG FOR DAY TO ATTACK ENGLAND

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which discusses the probability that William Waldorf Astor will be raised to the peerage in the distant future. The writer regards the honor as so imminent that he discusses the probable title which Mr. Astor will select. According to Lord Astor of Cliveden, or Lord Hever of Hever Castle, there is a curious hint, however, that the title may be bestowed on young William Waldorf, who intends to stand as a candidate for Parliament on the Conservative side at the next general election. There has been no sign of a change in the King's strong antipathy to the elder Astor, which dates back three or four years, and, of course, there is no chance that his name will be included in any honor list prepared by the present government.

#### FRANCE MAY HELP THE HAGUE IN PUTTING CASTRO DOWN

PARIS, Aug. 29.—The Netherlands government has asked France, through the French minister at The Hague whether it would be possible for France to cooperate with Holland in the present difficulty with Venezuela.

France responded that she would consider the question.

#### Democratic Primary, JACKSON, MISS., August 29.—A Democratic primary election was held in the Seventh Congressional District to-day to select a congressional candidate to oppose the incumbent, Congressman McLean, the candidates in the field being Jesse Webb and E. J. Simmons, of Pike county; T. A. Dickson, of Wilkinson; and Thomas Shelton, of Lincoln.

#### RUZ GETS DECREE

Not an Inking Regarding Testimony Made Public by Justice.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., August 29.—Referee George A. Wyre, of Nyack, who was appointed to take testimony in the suit for divorce brought by Antonio Ruiz, a wealthy Cuban, against his wife, Mrs. Mary Agnes O'Brien Ruiz, in which it has been reported persistently that a very prominent New York man was specifically mentioned, today reported to Supreme Court Justice Arthur S. Tompkins, at White Plains, in favor of granting an interlocutory decree to Mr. Ruiz.

Not an inking regarding the testimony was made public, as Justice Tompkins said he would take his evidence to his home and read it before signing the decree. In three months, if no new evidence is developed, Mr. Ruiz will then be entitled to his final decree of divorce.

#### Richmonders in Paris.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

PARIS, FRANCE, August 29.—Miss Ethel Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Callish and Mrs. S. M. Block registered at the Hotel office to-day.

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## CENTRAL FIGURES IN ATLANTIC CITY TRAGEDY



MRS. W. S. G. WILLIAMS, the well-known and attractive society matron, of Baltimore, who was with Mr. Roberts when the shooting occurred.

### "IT'S A LIE," TAFT SAYS, BRIEFLY

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laboring classes than has the present Republican administration."

Mr. Taft cited in this connection the employers' liability act, safety appliance acts and other measures, and discussing injunctions, declared that when he is on a bench enforcing the law he enforces it, and makes no apologies for deciding cases according to the law and the facts, no matter who it hurts.

Mr. Taft contended that those who would profit first from the weakened power of courts would be the wealthy men who could employ lawyers to know what technicalities could be taken advantage of. He also argued against jury trial in contempt proceedings as striking at the power of courts.

#### NEGROES AFTER TAFT

Methodist Bishop Urges Colored People to Support Democratic Ticket.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, to-day gave out at the democratic national headquarters in this city an advance copy of an address which is to be issued by Bishop Alexander Walters, of the African Methodist Episcopal church to the colored people of the country. In his letter Bishop Walters alludes to Judge Taft as "a party to the blackest conspiracy ever perpetrated against negro soldiers."

Bishop Walters accuses President Roosevelt and the Republican candidate of having "practically endorsed the lily white movement in the South which has for its ultimate object the practical elimination of the negro from politics," and adds that "the appointment of the Hon. Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, an ex-Confederate soldier and democrat, to succeed Mr. Taft is secretary of war, was a big bid for democratic support."

"The republican party," he continues, "has shown itself impotent to enact further legislation to our interest. This is evident from its failure to have congress pass a bill to have lynchers tried in Federal courts."

"The democratic party," he asserts, "is the only party that can change the discriminatory legislation which has been enacted against us without a great political upheaval amounting almost to a revolution. Wherever we have had sense enough to help the democratic party, notably in New York city, democrats have always shown a willingness to treat us with consideration."

After stating that he had been informed that Booker Washington had abused him for urging colored people to vote for Bryan, the bishop declared that he merely urged colored people to divide their vote, and judge for themselves of the questions at issue, although he himself would vote for Bryan.

#### MANY RUMORS AFLOAT

Roberts Told Mrs. Williams She Had Broken His Heart.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 29.—One of the strongest and most secret reasons why the police of this place are not hunting a plain highwayman as the assassin of Charles B. Roberts, of Baltimore, who was shot on Wednesday night while he was riding with Mrs. W. S. G. Williams in a rolling chair on the boardwalk, came to light to-day with the reappearance of Jessie Jackson, the negro who had been pushing the chair when a man stepped him and shot Mr. Roberts. Jackson repeated what he had told Captain Whalen, of the detective bureau, on Wednesday night after the shooting.

"This was a scrap of conversation between Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Williams which Jackson says he overheard a few minutes before he was ordered to stop his chair by the disguised man, who called Mr. Roberts out on the walk and shot him. According to the chair pusher, he heard Mr. Roberts in earnest conversation with his companion, and in a loud voice came to him an exclamation.

"You have broken my heart," cried Mr. Roberts, according to the story the pusher related to the captain just after the shooting. Almost before Mrs. Williams could reply to her companion came the rude interruption by the masked man.

Henry Told by Negro.

Jackson had been in seclusion until

### SUSPICION TURNS FROM WILLIAMS

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proper to add you gentlemen," he said, "but I do not want you to enter into my personal affairs."

The detectives went out and interrogated the servants, and all of these sustained the butler. They said Williams was at home on Wednesday evening.

When questioned about a letter that he had mailed to his wife at Atlantic City on Wednesday, Mr. Williams said that was a private matter.

"If you want to know where I was from Wednesday noon until Friday morning, thought," he said, "I will tell you. I was at my country home all the time. Go out there, and any of the people on my place will tell you so."

In answer to some of the queries as to who saw him on Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. Williams evidently thought the detectives referred to social visitors, and replied that nobody had seen him except the "waiters," as he called the reporters. When it was explained to him that what was wanted was to ascertain what persons wanted about the house or on the farm saw him, he showed no reluctance to give the information.

#### What Detective Captain Thinks.

Captain of Detectives Humphrey subsequently said:

"From what information is in my possession, I do not think it at all likely that an arrest will be made in Baltimore just now, in connection with the Roberts case, unless it is asked by the Atlantic City authorities. The shooting was done in Atlantic City, and if a warrant for an arrest were issued it would have to be issued in Atlantic City. The authorities of that place should, and probably will, if the case was urgent, wire us to arrest any person or persons and hold them until the warrant arrived. This we would do, as is customary."

"Do you think that what you have learned here is sufficient evidence to swear out a warrant for the arrest of any one?"

"Empirically no! We are simply in the midst of an investigation. We do not know yet where it will lead. We have run down a score of rumors, and have found them very conflicting."

"The captain Humphrey was asked the direct question:

"Do you think that the man who shot Mr. Roberts is a Baltimorean?"

"I will answer you with perfect frankness," was the reply, "I don't know. We started on this case without any theory as to who had committed the crime. We have no theory now. We are investigating to get a theory."

"Do you think the crime could have been committed by a woman disguised as a man?"

"Of course it could have been, but I do not think it was. Up to this time I can say that we are devoting every energy toward assisting the Atlantic City police in the elucidation of the mystery. We are not assisting them just as long as they want our services. The crime was committed in Atlantic City, and, of course, it is up to the authorities of that place to take the initiative in swearing out a warrant or asking that any one be arrested or detained. So far they have not made that request."

### MR. CHARLES BOYLE ROBERTS, of Baltimore, who was shot and dangerously wounded while riding in a rolling chair late last Wednesday night.

to-day, following the strong advice of Captain Whalen. When found on the boardwalk this morning the negro showed great reluctance to talk, and explained his reticence by saying that the police had told him that if he kept out of sight and held his mouth shut he would not be called upon to take further part in the investigation.

The story that Jackson was finally induced to make public for the first time adds to the facts that have become public despite the rigorous censorship of the police, hotel managers and friends of the principals in Wednesday night's occurrence.

Mr. Roberts came and hired me outside of the Shelburne Hotel about 9 o'clock on Wednesday night," said Jackson in effect. "He and Mrs. Williams and a young girl, Miss Sarah Williams, got into the chair and I pushed them down to the Brighton Hotel, where the young girl got out. Then Mr. Roberts ordered me to push them on down the boardwalk."

"Down around the Royal Palace Hotel, which is located in a part of the boardwalk that is never much used at night, and which was almost entirely deserted on that night because of the rain, I heard the lady and gentleman inside of the chair speaking very earnestly. The gentleman was talking a little loudly, and the lady was also speaking in an earnest voice. They were not crying, but their voices sounded as if they were earnest."

Ordered to Stop.

"Just as we were passing Rhode Island Avenue, or about that place, I heard Mr. Roberts say that the lady had broken his heart. I could not understand what reply she made, although I heard her speak. Then a man walked up past the chair. He was of a large build and he was dressed in a dark brown suit, which was wrinkled, and wore a gray felt hat pulled down over his eyes. I did not see any mask on his face."

The man looked in through the window of the chair and he strangely walked on past me. Then he must have turned around, for I felt his hand on my shoulder.

"Stop that chair," he said to me, "and I stopped there. Then he went in and pushed back the curtain in front of the people inside."

"Hands up," he said first, and then, "come out of that, you —" As soon as he called Mr. Roberts that name Mr. Roberts got out and then Mrs. Williams. I heard the man ask them for their money, and I did not hear anything said about handing over money or valuables. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Williams just got out and stood there, a few feet from the man who pointed a pistol at Mr. Roberts. That was the last thing I saw, because I ran back up the boardwalk and I heard two shots fired as I was running. I did not come back after that."

Contrary to a report from Baltimore that came to Atlantic City last night to the effect that Mrs. Williams had left the Brighton Hotel to return to her husband, she was still at the Brighton to-day, together with Mrs. Roberts, the wife of the wounded man, and a circle of friends and relatives of both families. There are now here Mrs. Williams, Miss Nanette Sloan and Mrs. E. C. Iermont, her sisters; J. O. May, Norris, of Baltimore; John and Daniel Roberts, brothers of Charles B. Roberts, and his brothers-in-law, Charles Stewart and Judge William H. Thomas, are also stopping at the Brighton. Orders were left with the hotel management to-day that no cards would be received by Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Williams is not being detained here as a witness. Chief of Police Woodruff said to-day that she is free to go whenever she wished to do so. No warrant for the arrest of W. S. G. Williams, her husband in Baltimore, has yet been issued within Woodruff's knowledge. He stated that he had received a report from Detective Harry Wilson, who had been sent from here to Baltimore about two hours after the shooting, but he did not care to make public the contents of these dispatches. Wilson might be in Baltimore for several weeks, said Woodruff.

#### Condition of Roberts.

Dr. J. C. Marshall, one of the physicians of the City Hospital, who has been in close attendance upon Mr. Roberts since he was taken to the hospital on Wednesday night, said that the patient was showing remarkable strength and the anticipated serious symptoms of peritonitis had not yet set in. The danger period was not yet over, said Dr. Marshall, and he was sending a report from Detective Harry Wilson, who had been sent from here to Baltimore about two hours after the shooting, but he did not care to make public the contents of these dispatches. Wilson might be in Baltimore for several weeks, said Woodruff.

The statement that Williams had been in seclusion until the morning treatment, and not abroad, was made to the police by his wife, who was with Roberts in a rolling chair at the time of the shooting. According to the police, she contacted a statement given out from Williams's law office. The police of this city have entirely abandoned the theory that the as-

assault of the Baltimore man was a highwayman.

On this point Chief of Police Woodruff said to-day:

"The highwayman theory has had little weight with us from the first. The shooting occurred at 10:30 o'clock. The wounded man was taken to the hospital and the woman back to her hotel. As soon as I learned that she was not his wife I asked, 'Where is her husband?' I sent several messages to Baltimore before 12 o'clock that night asking the police there to let me know at once whether Williams was in the city. I believed that a quick answer to that question would go far toward solving the mystery. I anxiously awaited a reply. None came and I have not heard one word since from the Baltimore police on that feature."

Harry Wilson, one of my detectives, is now at work on it. Many things Mrs. Williams has told us of her husband are important as showing her feelings toward each other. She said that her eleven years of married life have been misery to her. Three times she declared she has had her husband put in a sanatorium. Last Tuesday he left the sanatorium and went to Baltimore. According to his wife's assertion, he called her up at the Hotel Brighton and asked her to come home with the children. She refused, saying she preferred to remain until Saturday.

"In the conversation Williams became aware that Roberts was also at the Brighton. All this Mrs. Williams has told us. I believe that it is the truth, but I also believe that if her husband came to Atlantic City from Baltimore that day she was not aware of it."

Further evidence of the desire of the families of the principals in the affair to support the "highwayman" theory was given to-day by County Prosecutor Coldebarg, of Atlantic county.

"One of the most prominent lawyers of Philadelphia, a friend of both families, called me yesterday," said Mr. Goldenberg. "He urged me to accept the robbery theory. I listened to all he had to say, but replied that I should have to sift the matter to the bottom before I accepted any theory."

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